

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently active.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 12-14.

The Examiner has indicated the Oath/Declaration is incorrect as defective. There is no Post Office address of the inventor. Respectfully, the Post Office address is the exact same address as the residence address. They are one and the same.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Figures 2, 3 and 4 have been corrected to be properly labeled as the Examiner has requested.

Substitute figures 2 and 3 are provided, as the Examiner has indicated such figures provided to him are too dark. Formal drawings will be provided when the application is allowed.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In response to the Examiner's questions, B is simply the bit's # written on page 11, lines 8 and 9. For the sum, each parentheses has 4 elements, with the last element starting at 0 and then iterating up to 7. This iterative number is B. See page 11, line 12.

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In regard to how the six bits are made from an integer lattice.  $i, j, k$ ; as mentioned above, on page 11, lines 6 and 7, the specification states "the 6 bit quantity is defined as the lower 6 bits of the sum: [See algorithm on page 11, lines 8 and 9]. It is as simple as that, in regard to how the six bits are derived.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 9, 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In regard to Claim 9, it has been amended to obviate this rejection.

In regard to Claim 11, it is respectfully submitted it is defined in the claim.  
 $S=(x+y+z)/3$ .

In regard to Claim 15, the function, of "O ()" is a well-known function to one skilled in the art, that simply means on the order of.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 10 and 17 as being anticipated by Morris. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant's claimed invention is specifically concerned with the texture in images. Nowhere does Morris teach or suggest

anything about the texture. In fact, Morris is completely silent about texture. Accordingly, Morris cannot anticipate the claims of applicant.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 16 and 18 as being unpatentable over Morris. As explained above, Morris is completely silent about texture in an image. It is not obvious whatsoever somehow or other to deal with texture from the teachings of Morris. Accordingly, applicant's claims are not obvious from Morris.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-18, now in this application be allowed.

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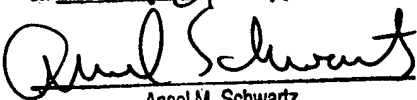
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